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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

0033-0966PUS1

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

**10/547447**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP03/04301

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

April 3, 2003

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

11 June 2002

TITLE OF INVENTION

INDUSTRIAL ELASTIC BELT AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been submitted to the Internal Bureau (See Box VIII-4-1 of the Request (PCT/R0/101), **copy attached**).  
The Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent and Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b) Showing Chain of Title are: ☐ attached hereto. ☐ will follow.
10. ☒ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Form PTO-1449(s), and International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) with 0 cited document(s).
12. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:  
PCT/IB/308; PCT/IB/301; PCT/IB/304  
PCT/ISA/210  
Drawings - Two (2) Sheets

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21. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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| <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492)</b> |       |          |  |  |
| Basic National Stage Fee                 | ..... | \$300.00 |  |  |
| National Stage Search Fee                | ..... | \$500.00 |  |  |
| National Stage Examination Fee           | ..... | \$200.00 |  |  |
| <b>\$1000.00</b>                         |       |          |  |  |

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | \$ | 1000.00 |  |
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| SHEETS OF SPEC & DWG                        | 14 -100 = 0  | 0 x 250 =    | \$0        | \$         | 0.00    |      |
| CLAIMS                                      | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE       |            |         |      |
| Total Claims                                | 8 - 20 =     | 0            | x \$50.00  | \$         | 0.00    |      |
| Independent Claims                          | 2 - 3 =      | 0            | x \$200.00 | \$         | 0.00    |      |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) |              |              | No         | + \$360.00 | \$      | 0.00 |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>        |              |              |            | \$         | 1000.00 |      |

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.

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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property

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|  | charged       | \$ |  |

a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account. No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The PTO is requested to use the amended sheets/claims attached hereto (which correspond to Article 19 amendments or to claims attached to the International Preliminary Examination Report (Article 34)) during prosecution of the above-identified national phase PCT application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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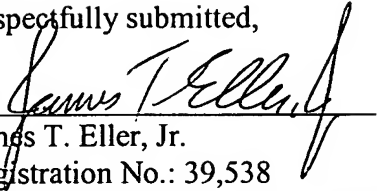
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